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PENNSYLVANIA 7,665,111.

Census Figures Given Out Last Week Show Increase of 1,362,996 in Ten Years.

FULTON COUNTY LOSES 221.

The population of the state of Pennsylvania is 7,665,111, according to the statistics of the thirteenth census just made public at Washington. This is an increase of 1,362,996, or 21.6 per cent. over 6,302,115 in 1900 was 1,044,101, or 19.9 per cent. and more than 17 times as great as in 1790 when the first census was taken.

An increase of 1,200,000 in population would entitle the State to six additional members on a basis of representation of 200,000. But, as the actual increase has been 162,996 in excess of the number to give her six additional members, and, as a majority fraction of the number fixed as the basis of representation is usually allowed representation. It is quite likely that 39 Representatives will be given the State in the new apportionment.

Philadelphia county, having increased in population from 1,293,697 in 1900 to 1,549,008 this year, will be entitled to seven instead of its present six members. Allegheny county, having increased in the 10 year period from 775,058 to 1,018,463, will also be entitled to another member of the House of Representatives.

On the other hand, 19 counties out of the 67 in the State showed a loss of population in the 10 year period. These counties are Adams, Bedford, Bradford, Crawford, Forest, Fulton, Juniata, McKean, Montour, Perry, Pike, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne and Wyoming.

Our own county of Fulton, was organized on the 19th of April, 1850; and according to the census taken that year, had a population of 7,567. The present census shows that we have a population of 9,708; hence it will be seen that we have gained 2,136 people in sixty years, an average gain of 35 people a year. Should we be able to maintain that rate during the next hundred years, we shall be able to boast of a population of a little more than 18,000, which would mean that the County Commissioners would get an annual salary of five hundred dollars a year, instead of three hundred now, and the district attorney would have the pleasure of handling four hundred dollars a year instead of three hundred as at present. This information is given for the benefit of those who may be aspiring to one or the other of those offices, that they may not be in too big a hurry to get in. The following will show the census of the County at each decennial period from 1850 until the present:

1850—7,567.
1860—9,137.
1870—9,380.
1880—10,149.
1890—10,137.
1900—9,924.
1910—9,708.

From the foregoing it will be observed that Fulton's population reached the high water mark in 1880, thirty years ago. Since that time, the annual average rate of decrease, has been 81. Should this rate of decrease continue, it will be a little less than 120 years, until the last man, woman, and child shall have passed out from its borders.

As has been noted before in this article, Fulton does not stand alone in showing a decrease in population. Eighteen other counties in Pennsylvania show the same shrinking process, the result of the attraction that the cities and public works have for our young people.

In point of area, the largest county in Pennsylvania is Center.

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SAD SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

Gertrude Ross, of Hopewell, Accidentally Shot by Her Brother.

A distressing shooting accident occurred at the home of James Ross, a farmer residing near Hopewell, Bedford county, on Thanksgiving eve, which resulted in a fatal wound inflicted on Gertrude Koss, a 14 year-old daughter, by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of her brother, Joseph, aged 18 years.

A noise had been heard about the corncrib and Joe got a gun to go out to investigate. It was a double barreled breech loading shot gun, and after loading it, as he was fixing it for service, a load was somehow discharged and entering the body of his sister, who was engaged at sweeping the kitchen at the time and was only about ten feet distance facing her brother. The load entered at the shoulder and passed through her body, lodging back of the shoulder blade.

The shock and pain were very severe upon the girl and she was greatly weakened by the loss of blood, before the arrival of a physician. The doctor who was called at once saw the serious character of the wound and after giving temporary treatment advised her removal to a hospital.

This was done on Thursday morning when she was taken to the Altoona hospital. Her condition was very critical when the hospital was reached, and no attempt was made then to remove the shot. Poor hopes were held out for her recovery at the time but the child lingered until 4:10 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week when death claimed her. Her aunt, Miss Tillie Ross, of the Logan House, was at her bedside when she died. The body was brought to Hopewell for interment. The parents and two brothers, Clarence and Joe, survive her.—Everett Republican.

LOOK OUT.

State Department Health Inspector in Bedford County. He May Turn Up in Fulton.

The Bedford Gazette says that K. J. Brauner, an inspector of the State Department of Health, of Harrisburg, has been spending some time in Bedford County in regard to reported violations of the Health Laws of this state, pertaining to births and deaths. The law strictly forbids the interment of any human body without a proper death certificate or burial permit, and no sexton or care taker of a cemetery or burying ground is allowed to make an interment without being shown the proper certificate or permit.

These precautions have not been carried out by quite a number of physicians, undertakers, sextons or care takers, as is shown by the suit brought before J. Reed Irvine, Esq., by Mr. Brauner against D. S. Gump, undertaker of Everett, Edward Williams and Allen Eshelman, of West Providence, and Frank Dicken, keeper of Rock Hill Cemetery, for burying and receiving bodies without having procured the proper certificate or permit. The above parties have all entered bail for their appearance at the January term of court.

Mr. Brauner is also making inquiries whether physicians, midwives and parents are promptly reporting all births and deaths as the law requires, to the local registrars of vital statistics, this being one of the inspector's duties as he goes over the state.

SHARPE.

December 1st.—Howard Culler and wife of Cumberland, Md., are visiting in the homes of their respective parents, Isaac Ouller and George Evans.

Mrs. Baker of Hancock was out home last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnette. She returned to Hancock Sunday with her husband.

Miss Mary Sigel was visiting Goldie Sharpe Sunday.

FARM TOPICS.

Practical Points Gleaned From the Discussions at Farmers' Institute at Needmore, Nov. 28 and 29.

MEETING A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, a creditable number of our local farmers was present at the opening session of the Farmers' Institute, held at Needmore, on Monday afternoon and Tuesday, November 28th and 29th.

A well worded address of welcome was given by J. C. Mellott, followed by a response by Dr. J. J. Palmer.

Crop Production for Food, Humus, and Fertility by Prof. Menges.

Prof. Menges says our wheat production is much less than fifteen bushels per acre; but, with proper rotation it can be made to yield twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre.

We live too far from market to haul our produce. We should make it walk to market. Sow cow peas and turn the hogs in, or cut it for cattle, or plough it down and sow in clover. Plough it down and plant in corn, feed this to cattle, hogs, etc., and put the manure on the ground at once. This makes humus together with crop rotation and with humus, comes fertility.

Commercial Orchard by D. K. Murry.

Last year there were planted 17,500,000 trees in the state of Pennsylvania.

One acre of fruit trees is worth \$50; the best investment on the farm.

Requisite for an orchard soil; hillside, and variety.

The variety of apples to plant in this section is Yellow Transparent, Red Astrakan, Smoke House, Wealthy, Summer Rambo, Roman Beauty, Mammoth Black, Stamen, Winesap, York Imperial and Grimes' Golden.

Peaches: Alberta, Niagara, Fox's Seedling, Carmen Bellou and Crawfords.

Plant one-year-old trees. Have trees delivered by April 1.

Trim like a whip; cut roots back to 8 inches.

Plant 3 inches deeper than a nursery—first placing 2 inches of top soil in the hole—then tramp solid.

Stop cultivating your trees at first of July. After that the trees are forming new buds for next year.

Grow potatoes, tomatoes, beans and peas.

Sow clover about the first of July; then, turn under in the spring. This will serve two purposes: first as a blanket for the roots of the trees; second, as a fertilizer.

Always prune in spring; cut back to third bud.

There is no off year for trees properly pruned.

At seven years each tree should yield one barrel of fruit.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

Newer and Better Methods of Poultry Keeping by W. Theo. Whittman.

First, have a good breed, and, secondly, a good chicken house with lots of light and sunshine, open to the south. It is not necessary to have a warm house. The chickens should have plenty of fresh air and exercise.

Keep about a foot of litter on the ground to scratch in.

Have plenty of grit, such as crushed limestone and oyster shells.

Chickens just hatched should not be fed for, at least, 48 hours; and then, soft feed, such as bread and milk, etc.

Barrd Plymouth Rock is the best all-around chicken; white or brown Leghorn, the best layer.

The Bare Foot Boy was nicely rendered.

Educating the farmer and increasing his usefulness by Henry W. Northrup.

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NEW AUTOMOBILES.

Dr. H. C. McClain Bought an E. M. F., and Dr. J. W. Mosser, a Flanders. Got Them Home Monday.

Through the Everett Carriage and Auto Company at Everett, Dr. H. C. McClain, of Hustontown, and Dr. J. W. Mosser, of this place, purchased new automobiles, the former getting an E. M. F. Thirty, and the latter a Flanders, "Twenty".

Receiving word last Saturday that the machines were at Everett ready for delivery, Ernest R. McClain of this place took O. L. Greathead and Dr. McClain to Everett Monday morning in Ernest's Buickrunabout—Mr. Greathead going along to bring Dr. Mosser's machine home.

When the party got to Everett they found the machines had not been unloaded from the car at the railroad station, and by the time they got the machines away from the railroad and got them properly tuned up, it was four o'clock in the evening. To add to the pleasure of the trip, it began to snow about half past eight o'clock in the morning, and by the time they were ready for the return trip, there was about six or eight inches of snow on the mountains; but the machines behaved splendidly. At Breezewood, 18 miles west of McConnellsburg, it was so dark that the lamps on the machines had to be lighted; but the machines were driven on across the mountains through a blinding snow storm, without the slightest delay or accident.

SHOCKINGLY BURNED.

Mrs. Laura Welch's Clothing Caught Fire While Rendering Lard.

On Friday of last week, Mrs. Laura Welch, of Burnt Cabins, purchased two nice dressed hogs from Mr. Lemuel Cline and had them cut up Friday evening. Saturday morning, Mrs. Welch proceeded to render the lard in a kettle over an open fire near the house. After having stood by the kettle stirring the lard, she turned to walk away, when her skirts became ablaze from the fire under the kettle. Realizing the danger, she rushed into the house, and grabbed up some rugs and attempted to wrap them about her; but instead of smothering out the fire, the rugs began to burn, and she was obliged to run into a bed room, and wrap herself in the bedclothing. The bedclothing in turn caught, and the house was threatened with destruction, when she ran screaming out of doors, cries attracted the attention of neighbors who went to her rescue.

Mrs. Welch was terribly burned, and her condition has been very critical since. It was only about a year ago that her sister, Mrs. McGowan's clothing caught fire in much the same way, but Mrs. McGowan, with rare presence of mind, tore her burning skirts from her, and thus averted what might have been a very serious accident.

Appointed Policeman.

A committee consisting of A. U. Nace, Jno. P. Sipes and Geo. W. Reisner, appointed by the Sabbath Association which recently met in this place, waited on the town council at their meeting last week and asked for the appointment of a policeman for the purpose of better protection to our citizens. After fully discussing the matter the council appointed Ross Doyle. Mr. Doyle has had experience as a policeman and has proven that he is the right man for the position, having been one of the best officers the town has ever had.

Dr. J. Grant Hawks is having a new automobile garage and ice house built on his property at Breezewood.

Jos. Swisher, of Ayr township was seen on our streets on Saturday.

FLY WHEEL BURST.

Charlie McKinstry Instantly Killed at Byron Tannery, Mercersburg Last Friday Evening.

FRANK DURBOROW SERIOUSLY INJURED

With the bursting of a fly wheel at the Byron Tannery in Mercersburg last Friday evening, Charles R. McKinstry, night watchman, was instantly killed, and Frank Durborow, the night fireman, was very seriously, if not fatally, injured.

The noise of the explosion was heard but a short distance from the plant and very few people knew of the accident until next morning. A sister-in-law of Mr. Durborow was with him when the accident took place but succeeded in getting out of the building without injury.

She gives this version of the accident; it was about 9:10 o'clock when something occurred to the governor and the fly wheel began moving very rapidly. Both men, Mr. McKinstry and Durborow ran to turn off the big steam valve but before they succeeded, the wheel burst and both men were struck by flying pieces of the wheel. It is believed that a piece of the broken wheel struck the main steam pipe and broke it. The men were enveloped in steam and were stunned.

The body of McKinstry was discovered near the door, showing that he was either thrown across the room a distance of twenty feet or succeeded in crawling that distance before death came.

Mr. McKinstry was of a prominent family. His grandfather, William McKinstry, came from Ireland in 1792 and settled in Mercersburg. He was a personal friend of President Buchanan and was instrumental in having Marshall college located in Mercersburg. In 1842 he established the first newspaper published in that town.

Mr. Durborow is in the hospital in Chambersburg with a fair chance of recovery.

Mr. McKinstry was 61 years of age.

ONLY 100,000,000 OF US.

This Stupendous Figure Mark Passed by the United States and its Several Provinces.

A Washington dispatch states that the United States has passed the one hundred million mark in population. Including the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, and not including Guam and part of the islands of the Samoan group, the American flag floats over a population of 103,992,757. Exclusive of the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, Guam and Samoa, but including Alaska and Hawaii, the population of the United States is 93,471,648. Ten years ago the population of the same territory was 76,303,387.

Eighteen states and territories show a total gain in the last ten years of 5,151,425 or 21.8 per cent. According to the census experts, the percentage for the country as a whole will be slightly greater.

Maryland's Population.

The official census figures of our neighboring State of Maryland were given last week. The State's total is 1,294,450, an increase of nine per cent, over that of 1900. As a rule rural sections show losses; industrial centers show gains. Our neighboring county of Washington, Md., shows a total of 48,671, a gain of 3,528. Hagerstown's population is not yet known, but it will be about one-third that of the county.

A marriage license was last week granted to George Carbaugh of Bedford, and Nora M. Ritchey of Salvia, this county, in Bedford.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

Heart and Hand, Fate and Fortune, United for Better or "Worse."

ROBINSON-PHENICIE.

Mr. Charles A. Robinson and Miss Laura E. Phenicie, drove over to McConnellsburg from the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phenicie, in the Little Cove, Franklin county, yesterday morning, and after taking dinner at the Washington House, Charlie went to the Court House, procured the necessary license, and took the lady to the Lutheran parsonage, where Rev. Clifford E. Hays, performed the ceremony that made Charlie and Laura husband and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, left immediately after the ceremony for Hancock to take an evening train for Washington and other places of interest for a short honeymoon trip.

The bride and groom are excellent young people and deserve a long and happy married life.

BATDORFF-HORTON.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Horton, near Wells Tannery, on Wednesday, November 23, 1910, Rev. Flegal of the M. E. church, united in marriage, Miss Mary C. Horton and Mr. William Ellsworth Batdorff, near McConnellsburg. Quite a number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. In the evening the bride and groom were given a kitchen shower by their many friends. A good, old-fashioned time was had, and many useful articles were received, together with hearty congratulations.

PAUL-RAKER.

A quiet wedding took place, last Thursday evening in Johnstown, Pa., when Miss Rella Raker daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Raker, of Dane, was married to Mr. Earl S. Paul, of Johnstown. The bride wore her traveling suit of tan and a large picture hat of white, with white willow plumes. She was attended by Miss Edna Miller, and Mr. Geary Bell served as best man.

The couple will be at home, after a short western trip, at Coleman Ave., Johnstown, Pa.

SHAFFER-BOLINGER.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bolinger, on Sunday evening, November 25, 1910, Rev. M. C. Flegal of Three Springs, united in marriage Mr. Wm. Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shafer, and Miss Leona Bolinger—all of Clay township, Huntingdon county.

SCHOOLEY-CONNELL.

On Thursday November 24, 1910 at the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schooley near Harrisonville, Richard L. Schooley, of that place, and Miss Ada Bell Connell of Pittsburg, late of California were married by Rev. W. M. Cline pastor of the Harrisonville M. E. church.

PUT IN NEW ENGINE.

C. B. Stevens Settles the Power Question at His Flouring Mill in Ayr Township.

On account of the long continued dry spell, Chas. B. Stevens, who owns the Comer mill in Ayr township, has been handicapped much of the time on account of the scarcity of water, and consequent lack of power to turn out the work incident to the demands of his customers. To obviate this trouble now and in the future he has installed a twelve horse power gasoline engine, and has it so attached to his machinery that it is now possible to run the full time—water or no water. With this additional source of power, he can now operate his roller system, and the chopping mill, at the same time, and give to his patrons that prompt service that will be a satisfaction to them as well as a pleasure to him.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Will Hamil, of Knobsville, was a town visitor on Saturday.

B. A. Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, was a business visitor Saturday.

Col. W. L. Mosbey, of Wells Valley was a business visitor to our town on Saturday.

Fire bugs are busy in Shippensburg, a number of stables having been burned within the past month.

Burgess W. H. Nesbitt spent last Friday in Chambersburg, on business.

Eugene Linn of Phoenixville is spending a few days in the home of his mother, Mrs. John Linn.

Squire Peter Kirk, of Big Cove Tannery was shaking hands with his many friends in town on Saturday.

Harry Clouser of Chambersburg, is spending a week at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clouser.

Mrs. Ola Cowan, Miss Ettie Kerlin and Miss Sarah Brodbeck—all of Burnt Cabins, spent last Saturday at the County Seat.

Miss Wreatha Mellott spent the time from Friday evening until Sunday with Miss Mary Stenger at her home at Jugtown.

Mrs. Mary Sinnott, of Philadelphia, and Miss Minnie Mock, of Macungie, Pa., both of whom had been called here on account of the serious illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mock, returned to their respective homes last Saturday. Miss Minnie was accompanied to Allen town by her niece Eleanor Sinnott who during the last ten years had her home with her grandmother Mrs. Elizabeth Mock, where Eleanor will make her home for the present, at least, with her aunt, Mrs. Annie Kapp.

Recent Deaths.

STOTLEMEYER.

R. F. Stotlemeyer, a lifelong resident and highly esteemed citizen, of Hancock, Md., died at his home in that place on Monday morning aged about 79. While Mr. Stotlemeyer had been in declining health for several years, his final illness was of short duration.

Probably few citizens in Hancock were more widely and favorably known than Mr. Stotlemeyer, and he was entrusted with important public offices at times. For several years he was engaged in the livery business. He was married twice, his first wife, being a Miss Wolverton. To this union two children survive, namely, J. D., of Hancock, and Mrs. Amos B. Wilkinson, of McConnellsburg, Pa. His second wife is living.

The funeral took place in Hancock yesterday afternoon.

HAUMAN.

Caroline, wife of John A. Hauman, died at her home near Salvia, last Saturday night, aged about 61 years. The funeral took place Monday, and interment was made at the Siding Hill Christian church, of which she was a member.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Jacob R. and Chester. Mrs. Hauman had been in frail health for a long time. Her maiden name was Daniels.

KING.

Marion Caroline, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross King died at the home of her parents, near West Dublin in Taylor township, Tuesday morning, November 23, 1910, and was buried in the Fairview cemetery on the 25th ult. Everyone deeply sympathized with Mr. and Mrs. King in the death of their babe, which was the first that has come to their home.